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TRIBUTE

2,975 flags planted to honor 9/11 victims

By Nike Ogunbode
Campus Editor

Early Friday morning, members from the Charleston and Mattoon community congregated in front of Old Main, where volunteers placed 2,975 American and international flags in memory of 9/11.

The flags were placed by members of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, the Student Veterans of Eastern and other organizations in tribute to each victim that died on 9/11.

Felicia Magee, a secretary for the family and consumer sciences department, brought her son and daughter to the display after they watched a documentary on the 9/11 attacks.

Magee said she was at home during the attacks and could not believe people were attacking the Twin Towers.

“I remember thinking, ‘why is a movie playing during this time of day?’” she said.

Rebekah Magee, 11, said she was glad her mother brought her to the display but that it was sad to see.

“(I’m) happy that their doing this to remember it, but it’s sad that someone would (have done) this,” she said. “It’s kind of bittersweet.”

Rebekah is a student at Jefferson Elementary School and that her teachers share their personal experiences when they discuss 9/11.

“They tell us about how people died, where they were and how the Twin Towers collapsed,” Rebekah said.

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ROTC and Eastern Student Veterans placed 2,975 American and international flags in front of Old Main Friday to represent the number of lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, in the Twin Towers, Pentagon and United Flight 93. The flags will remain on display until Sept. 16.

NEWSPAPER



THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS ARCHIVES
The front page from The Daily Eastern News’ Sept. 12, 2010, edition features a story and photos from The Associated Press.

2001 DEN staff remembers paper, how they covered major event

By Alex McNamee
Editor-in-chief

He thought his four roommates were joking, “full of it,” but they weren’t.

“The airplane just flew into the World Trade Center,” his roommates told him.

He wanted to see it for himself as all four of his roommates sat on edge in front of the TV. However, he could not see very well because he wasn’t wearing his contacts.

Bill Ruthhart, The Daily Eastern News’ sports editor in 2001, rubbed the tiredness from his eyes and got within a couple feet of the TV.

The cable channel was showing the footage of the planes flying into the buildings from earlier that morning. Once he saw what happened, he ran to his bedroom in the attic and put his contacts in, got dressed, grabbed his camera and left his house on Fourth Street for the newsroom.

Matt Neistein, the News’ managing editor in 2001, woke up at around 9:30 a.m. in his house on 11th Street, on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

He got out of bed and walked into his living room, where he found his roommate watching TV.

“What movie are you watching,” he

asked his roommate.

“It’s not a movie,” she answered.

Neistein didn’t recognize what it was at first, having just woken up.

“I didn’t recognize it because I had never seen planes fly into buildings before,” Neistein said.

After standing and watching the TV, for about five minutes, Neistein realized he should be in the newsroom trying to cover the event.

“The first thing I did was call the newsroom and ask why nobody bothered to call the managing editor when planes flew into buildings,” Neistein said. “Nobody had a good answer for that because I think everybody was scrambling.”

The staff was doing just that. Chris Sievers, the editor-in-chief, and Shauna Gustafson, the opinions editor, had both seen the news and were at the newsroom preparing for how the newspaper would cover the event.

“I made it to the newsroom in record time that morning,” Gustafson said.

Ruthhart said he was one of the first people in the newsroom because people were in class.

When people got out of class, and other staff members heard the news, they started

“flooding in” the newsroom door.

Since the news was on the TV in the newsroom, Sievers said the room was filled with anybody who wanted to watch it.

“That’s when people were starting to gather around the TV we had in (the newsroom) – not just staff members but anyone in Buzzard (Hall) who saw the TV on and gathered to watch the news unfold.”

Once everyone was in the newsroom, Neistein said the staff began trying to piece the paper together by coming up with story ideas that would localize the news.

Sievers said the decision was made early on that the newspaper needed to attempt bring the news close to home.

“We had to figure out what the administration was doing, the community was doing,” Sievers said.

Sievers said he felt the main story, the major event, was what should be the lead story on page one. So the staff ran with it.


‘Just give me an email address’

Neistein was designing the front page once the staff decided to run stories from The Associated Press on page one. He knew they needed a photo.

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Fan Dog



SABRINA DUNCAN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Coco, a Pomeranian brought by the family of junior rugby center Lauren Doyle, wears a shirt bearing Doyle's name and number 20 during Sunday's game against Minnesota.

CUPB

Electronic billboards at no direct cost for Eastern

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

The possibility of implementing electronic billboards on campus would come at no direct cost to Eastern, said the vice president for Student Affairs. Dan Nadler, the vice president for Student Affairs, spoke to the Council of University Planning and Budget Friday about the possibility of having seven or eight digital billboards on campus. Nadler said electronic billboards would be a unique opportunity because the vendor would assume all of the risk.



"The vendor developed a new business model and the model is that he would purchase all of the digital displays, would pay for the installation, would pay for the utilities on a regular basis and cover and repair damage or replacement," Nadler said. He said without the opportunity, the electronic billboards would cost around \$250,000. "What the vendor would do then is offer some sponsorships to help recoup the initial capital investment and hopefully, after between 12-to-16 months down the road, when the capital investment has been recouped, the university would get a portion of the proceeds of the revenue that is generated from the national advertising," Nadler said. He said Eastern would receive around 20 percent of the generated revenue.

"My hope with the money that we would raise from the revenue of the national sponsorships is to perhaps hire a small team of students to serve as interns to make the graphics appealing and to make the students more qualified when they graduate," Nadler said. William Weber, the vice president for business affairs, said the only cost to the university would be to make the displays more attractive and blend in with the campus architecture. "We have not entered a contract yet," Weber said. "It is still in the contract phase and there are no university funds committed to this." Nadler said an example of "dressing up" the billboards would be to surround the display with sandstone in the North Quad to match the historical architecture. Other areas, such as near the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, could have brick around the display. Nadler said Eastern messages would be present on the billboards one-third of the viewing time, and Eastern would occupy 25 percent of the billboards at all times. He said the Eastern messages could advertise Homecoming, open houses, FAFSA deadlines and other events on-campus. "Another thing you can do with the board is you can send out an emergency message to various digital boards," Nadler said. "It could be hazardous weather coming, the need to evacuate

a building or an active shooter situation so that gives us another excellent communication tool to deal very effectively and efficiently with emergencies on-campus." Weber said one of the benefits of the billboards is to include a campus map or list of cultural events on the non-video side. "A campus map would be particularly helpful to our visitors," Weber said. "This would also be a way for faculty, staff, students and visitors to learn about events happening on-campus." Nadler said the screens would be 47 inches diagonally and would be 70 inches tall. "President Perry is 6 feet 6 inches and he said that these cannot be tall to the point where he could not see over the top of it," Nadler said. "It would be a lot like President Perry walking around with a sandwich board." Nadler said if they go through with the boards, it is possible they will be installed this semester and would be operational in January. "Overall, I think it is a good idea, but at this point nothing is cast in stone," Weber said. "The idea is still being discussed by various governance groups on-campus and we will see whether this is something the campus would like us to do or not."

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9/11 MEMORIAL

'We will always remember, we will always care'

President Perry delivers stirring speech at memorial

By Nike Ogunbodede & Samantha McDaniel
Campus Editor & Activities Editor

Adorned with different international flags held up Eastern students, the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King University Union was used to reflect and pay tribute to those affected on 9/11.

A train of 15 Charleston firefighters followed Blake Leitch, the vice president of the Student Veterans of EIU, as he walked the American flag into a room of standing memorial attendees.

Leitch, a junior communication studies major, was deployed to Iraq in 2005 and before being stationed at Fort Irwin in California.

Leitch said the emotions he felt holding the flag was not something he could explain or forget.

"This means so much to me I can't even really describe it," he said.

Leitch's first day of active duty was on 9/11.

Leitch said the day of 9/11 was reminiscent, to him, of Operation Desert Storm when his mother told him he was witnessing history being made.

"My mom woke me up and told me 'you need to turn on the TV,'" he said. "I was in shock."

Charles Titus, the chair of the Social Science Studies Program, said he was teaching a class when the first airplane went into the north tower.

"When I was first told, I thought it was an accident," Titus said. "Then very quickly it became apparent that it wasn't. I was shocked and stunned like everyone as more information became available."

Rachel Fisher, the director of the Student Community Service, said, hearing the date 9/11 makes people stand still and remember everything that occurred that Tuesday morning.

Sept. 11 made people realize they do not have ultimate control over what happens in their lives but also made them understand that they do have control over the choices they make, like the choice to help others, Fisher said.

"On September 11, we were forced to decide 'do we reach out with friendship, or run and hide,'" Fisher said.

Fisher said the morning of Sept. 12,



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Captain Tim Meister, Assistant Chief Richard Edwards and Captain Todd Foster bow their heads in prayer during a memorial commemorating the ten year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on Sunday evening in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

2001 she was shocked by how many people she saw waiting to donate blood.

"Bad things may happen despite of what we do but good things can only happen because of what we choose to do," Fisher said.

President Bill Perry was one of many to speak during the service where he said Eastern has chosen to remember 9/11 by deeds of community service and kindness.

"We gather to support each other; and we gather to say not just for this evening but also for the future," Perry said.

"We will always remember, we will always care and we will always support each other."

Perry, who was the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Texas A&M, said he was involved in a special meeting to discuss plans of action for the campus.

"I didn't have much time to think about anything but what we had to do,"

Perry said. "It didn't start to sink in until the end of the day."

Everyone has a unique relationship with 9/11 but they also possess a bond with all others in the knowledge that a memorial service can help us heal, he said.

"It is important to come together to support each other," Perry said. "It allows us to see that we can move on and continue with our lives."

Jennifer Rose, a first year clinical counseling graduate student, said she was glad that people chose to spend their time remembering 9/11 together.

"It's such an important day for everyone to reflect on 10 years later and think of all the people still affected," Rose said.

Mary Jo Worthington, a junior marketing major, said she likes to think of how the 9/11 attacks brought the country together.

"For me personally, it was more (about) how it unified us before it

seemed like America was at a loss for patriotism," Worthington said.

Worthington also said she does nothing particularly significant to remember 9/11 each year, but chooses instead to take the time to remember those who died and what America lost each day.

To the words of "Amazing Grace," sung by Rachel West Kramer, memorial attendees were shown a slideshow compiled of pictures from Sept. 11 and the days following.

"It stirs me up personally," Kramer said. "There are a lot of things wrong with our country, but there a lot of things that are right."

It was great to be a part of something so respectful, Kramer said.

Pat Goodwin, the Charleston Fire Department Chief, said he hopes more people will take the time to do and say the little things and not wait for a tragedy like 9/11 to happen.

"We need not wait for a tragedy to wave the flag or say I love you," he said.

"Can you imagine an epidemic of that?"

Goodwin, who was recently married, said his wife was working at the White House on 9/11 and that he will be forever grateful to the passengers of United Flight 93.

"It's still shocking to believe that she was in the capital and that our lives could be completely different if not for flight 93," Goodwin said. "The crew on that flight are true American heroes."

Since 9/11 America has changed, there are a few inconveniences that people will have to deal with in order to stay safe but America will never yield to any threat, Goodwin said.

"We are America, so stand up straight, be proud and live every day to the fullest," Goodwin said.

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MEMORIES OF 9/11

Community recalls vivid memories of September 11 events

By Joanna Leighton
Staff Reporter

As the anniversary of September 11 approached, residents of the Charleston area recalled where they were the day the terrorist attacks took place and how they felt after they heard the news.

Many people said they had vivid memories that triggered all sorts of emotions and memories when they found out the news that the country was under attack.

Robert Martinez, an English professor, said he vividly remembers that Tuesday in 2001. He said he was in a 20th century British novel seminar when he found out about the attack.

Martinez said his teacher had not seen the footage of the attack yet and refused to cancel the class.

Martinez said he distinctly remembers the teacher saying this was not something as serious as John F. Kennedy's assassination, and therefore

class would not be dismissed. However, Martinez said as time progressed, he began to feel differently.

"The terror really set in when I received my alumni magazine the week after, and I learned that a graduate only a year out of college was killed in one of the buildings," he said. "This really set in that truly innocent young lives were taken."

Gautam Patel, manager at the Days Inn in Charleston, said he was a sophomore in high school and in class when the towers came crashing down.

"My class watched on the television as the first tower was hit. Everyone was sitting in silence, out of respect, and hearts were beating loud," he said. "When the second tower was hit, the reality set in that this was a real terrorist attack."

Originally from the Middle East, Patel said he had felt safe in America until the attacks. But after 9/11, that feeling of safety was taken away, he said.

"This was the first time it felt our country was directly under attack and nobody was safe."

Alice O'Brien, 80, Charleston resident

"Paranoia truly set in at a time like this. Nobody felt safe, especially those of a different color, who would be attacked and called a terrorist if they left the house," he said. "This was not an easy time to be American."

Peggy Alm, a high school special education teacher, said she was in a meeting with a parent at the school, when someone came in and asked if she had heard the news.

She said the school shut down as everyone flocked to the social studies rooms, which were the only ones with televisions at the time.

Alm said everyone watched in shock and awe as the footage played. Still to this day, she said she cringes at the sight of the towers falling.

"It was an eerie feeling, not seeing a single plane in the sky that day," she said. "It is a difficult situation at a time like this to keep students and children calm."

Alice O'Brien, 80, was running a daycare in her home and said she found it chilling when the attacks were broadcasted on the news.

At first, she said she did not know if she should be showing such young children the footage.

O'Brien said she did her best to act calm and to not worry the children.

She said as a person who has lived to see the Pearl Harbor attack and John F. Kennedy's assassination, this event was

of no comparison to the two.

"This was the first time it felt our country was directly under attack and nobody was safe," she said.

Eric Farringer, a Fox Ridge State Park campground worker, said he was at his sitter's house waiting to leave for school. He said he was running late already and was alarmed when the woman in charge of the kids asked him to come into the living room.

"I was only in fourth grade, but I was the oldest kid in the house, so she decided to show me what was happening," he said. "I knew it was bad news, but I was still confused about it all."

No matter where they were on that day, people agreed there is no easy way to talk about it, and there is no possible way to forget.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Honor 9/11
by living a
normal 9/12

The things that this university and this community have done to memorialize 9/11 have been touching and emotional for many people in many different ways.

This weekend, through a variety of different events, we honored those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

We think one of the best ways Eastern honored those victims was by planting flags, both American and international, in the lawn in front of Old Main.

This commemoration wasn't loud or in your face. Nobody made any speeches. People only planted flags, 2,975 of them. This was a great, silent motion of respect and honor for those victims. But it was also one of the most powerful gestures.

It was touching to see all of the ways this campus, community and nation honored those victims this weekend.

Coverage of various memorials around the nation aired on television all day and just on news networks. Sporting events honored the victims with roaring national anthems, displays of the American flags, jets flying over stadiums, and many other things.

Even Eastern's football team was a part of a special commemoration.

The football team traveled to play Northwestern this weekend. Northwestern painted its 'N,' which is usually displayed in purple at midfield of their football field, in red, white and blue. Their helmet decal was an N, seemingly cut out of an American flag. All of these events were moving to say the least.

But while we've taken a whole weekend to honor those people lost in the attacks, we should also honor them by keeping on with our daily lives. We should honor those lost by exercising our freedoms that we still have today.

We've done that this weekend already. We are free to watch football games, to voice our opinions and memories of that day 10 years ago, to plant flags from many different countries, and to do everything else we've done to honor them.

But we should also honor them by continuing to do normal things. Go to work today as you normally would. Take a train home. Go to class and debate a hot topic. Get on a plane and go on vacation. Go to a store and buy whatever you feel like buying.

Do the things you would normally do on any given day. It's one thing to honor the people we lost in the attacks by recognizing who they were and what they did. It's another to honor them by continuing to do the things, exercise our freedoms, as they did before that fateful day.

This weekend was special to memorialize the event and the people. This weekend is over, but we can all continue to honor them just by going about our normal days.

Show yourself, your countrymen and the terrorists that we are not a people who cower in fear, but rise with resilience.

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COLUMN

Reflect on anniversary; reclaim national unity

Any anniversary of a major event, especially, for some reason, the ones that end in a zero or a five, inevitably brings up memories and reflection. Comparing the attitude of the country then and now reveals some stark differences.

Remembering what you experienced in those moments helps in both making sense of a tragedy, and in making sense of our broken government today.

I was 15 on 9/11. My mom used to have the "Today Show" on every morning while we were having breakfast and getting ready for school. The first pictures of the first tower on fire came over the screen, and we paused briefly on the way out the door.

In the car, my mom mentioned she hoped it hadn't been a terrorist attack. I still, to this day, don't know what came over her to say that. I scoffed. Who would possibly want to attack the United States? Who on earth had the capability? It was clearly some bizarre, freak accident with an airplane.

By the time I saw the news again, in my second period government class, it had been made perfectly clear there was no accident. The second tower, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania were in flames. As we watched in horror, the Twin Towers collapsed in on themselves, first the south tower, then the north.

The first casualty rates reported were ridiculously high, but slowly came down over the next few hours, days and months. First 10,000 people were estimated dead, then 5,000, and fi-



Sarah Bigler

nally the 2,975 that are counted today.

It felt like the entire country was crying. It was collective grieving for people we had never met. We cried with strangers, expressed furious anger at the bastards who had dared hurt us.

The ones who were supposed to make us laugh on TV, the late night comedians, now managed to make us cry. Fashions changed: suddenly everyone only wanted red, white and blue clothing.

It's difficult, 10 years on, to capture the raw emotion that gripped the nation for the six months following the event.

But raw emotion leads to different things for different people. While we rallied around the president and all things American, a Muslim friend at school said her family had called the police several times because of strangers intimidating them outside their home.

There was a lot of propaganda and misinformation in the name of patriotism. I remember someone at school telling me America was awesome because it had never lost a war. Obviously

that's false. I remember racist jokes against Arabs and Muslims being completely acceptable, and for a few (temporarily insane) months we thought George W. Bush and Rudolph Guiliani were our saviors.

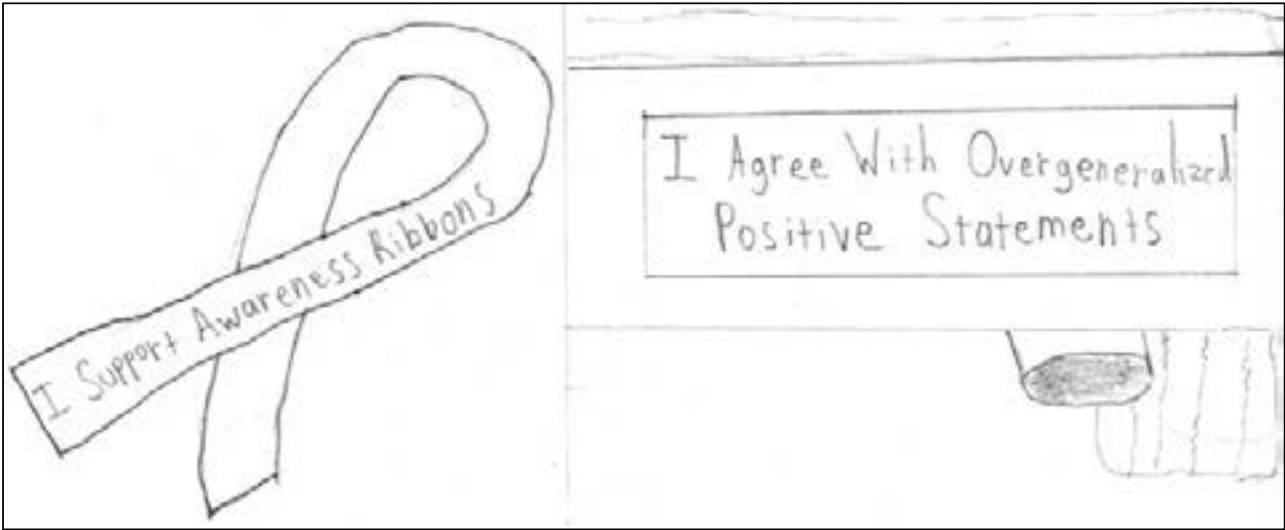
We allowed our rights to be compromised in the name of safety. Disagreeing with the president wasn't exactly forbidden, but suddenly, exercising that basic American right seemed impolite and scary. We cheered as we watched the U.S. drop bombs in such populous cities as Kabul and Baghdad.

We did some very wrong things in our fear and confusion, no doubt about it. But the feeling of unity, of togetherness, reminded us for a brief moment that despite our differences, we were in this together. Now, in 2011, with a government divided and at a stalemate over issues both enormous and trivial, we've abandoned that unity.

It's a good thing that we disagree with each other. It's good that we live in a country built on compromise. Compromise has worked pretty well for us so far. It's when our leaders get so bogged down in their own stubbornness and pride that America stops working. We've forgotten that, although we have different ideas for the country, we all want what's best for it.

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FROM THE EASEL



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COLUMN

Never forget Sept. 11? The GOP did last year

A decade ago, New York City's finest elevated themselves to heroic levels in what was certainly the most traumatic national event of our time. Becoming beacons of hope, safety and perseverance, these men and women risked their lives and sacrificed their health to bring peace to the hundreds of families who lost loved ones in the tragedy that befell the city in September of 2001. I think we can all agree, "heroes" doesn't really even cover it.

"Never Forget" proclaims thousands of car magnets, still popular 10 years later. A new mosque in New York; dust off that footage. I wonder how the GOP would react if honoring these men and women did not align with its interests politically...

The Zadroga Bill, sponsored by Democratic Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney of New York for the sole purpose of providing aid for the health care costs of first responders who have suffered as a direct result of their work in ground zero, was introduced in February of 2009 (why it took eight years is insult enough) and passed the House in September. Then, inexplicably, the bill was held up in the Senate. They had the 50 votes they needed to pass it; the problem was that the bill had been filibustered. By Republican senators. And not one of them, not a single Republican enator, took to the floor to explain why. What problem could they possibly have had with providing health



Mia Tapella

care to the very people who were on the "front lines" so to speak, finding survivors, breathing asbestos, sifting through rubble for the bodies of those killed? Health care of course has to be funded, and would have been more than supplied for by closing corporate tax loopholes... Oh, well there you have it. I can't help but inject that if these police officers and firemen had been millionaires, not a moment would have been wasted in getting them their money. In fact, that's exactly what happened in mid-December when Congress extended the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans in a stunning 81-19 vote. Bravo, ye patriots. Then, in what I consider a clear example of not only the power of lots and lots of money, but the total uselessness and ineptitude of American televised media, not one of the major broadcast networks covered any of this, for months. However, one network did do some reporting on this issue (before being shamed into it by Jon Stewart,

who all agree was central to raising awareness of this issue), and that network was Al Jazeera.

The bill was finally passed, but the fun didn't stop there. This year, in a display of evil so totally unsurprising coming from a Republican Congressman from Florida, Cliff Stearns heaped insult onto injury by proposing an amendment under which anyone receiving money from the Zadroga Bill (victims and first responders) must first have his or her name cleared through the terrorism watch list. Once again the Republicans gave Democrats a slow-pitch and, instead of knocking it out of the political park, they let it hit the dust and roll on into our legislative history. The amendment passed with no opposition whatsoever.

As weak and useless as the Democrats continually prove themselves to be, they at least haven't exhibited the heartlessness and blinding greed of their opposing party. If it comes to oppressing minority groups for political gain, no one will tout this tragedy more loudly than the GOP. But when it comes to providing money to the people who actually deserve it, who have earned it through sacrifice for their American brothers and sisters rather than stealing it through loopholes and handouts: crickets.

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9/11 DINNER

Community remembers 9/11 at tribute dinner

Organizers hope dinner, located at fairgrounds, will be annual

By Sara Hall
City Editor

Both Charleston area emergency workers and community members came together to celebrate patriotism and remembrance at the first public 9/11 tribute dinner on Sunday at Coles County Fairgrounds.

Rachel Fisher, director of Student Community Service, worked to organize the event and said she hopes it will become an annual tradition.

“It’s a great way to both commemorate and celebrate the community,” she said.

Attendees of the dinner ate pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, pasta salad and desserts catered by What’s Cookin’ Restaurant.

Delta Sigma Theta volunteered at the event, serving food, passing out raffle tickets and supervising the children play in the bouncy houses.

Cindy Owusu, a senior health studies major and member of Delta Sigma Theta, said the sorority became involved with the event as a way to provide com-

munity service and honor the day.

“We shouldn’t be sad, but thank God we’re all still alive,” she said. “We need to be grateful.”

Stan and Pat Carpenter, of Charleston, said they lost their oldest son in the Air Force, so the anniversary of Sept. 11 especially holds potency for them.

“It was a shocking situation that we’ll never forget,” Pat said.

The Carpenters said they value the work displayed by the police, fire and EMT workers and hoped the event allowed them to relax and celebrate their efforts.

“They work so hard day after day, putting their lives in danger,” Pat said.

Rodney Mitchell, an Eastern police officer, said the event is a way for emergency workers to show comradery while still enjoying themselves.

“It’s a good event for people working in emergency services,” he said.

“They do emergency personnel work on a daily basis, so it’s good for them to have a good time.”

Sandy Elam, of Charleston, said she has three nephews currently serving in the military and enjoyed the opportunity to come together in remembrance.

“It’s sad what happened, but it’s good for us to remember and bring the community and emergency personnel together into a relaxed state of



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Angela Maxey, of Mattoon, feeds Hazel Gerdes, 2, a bite of pasta salad at the 9/11 tribute dinner on Sunday at the Coles County Fairgrounds. The event was catered by Charleston restaurant What’s Cookin’.

mind,” she said. “It’s a fun event for everyone.”

June Giffin, of Charleston, said even though September 11 was day that still has left her electrified; it is still a special day to her that she wants to observe.

“It was 10 years ago, but we should remember it because we don’t want it to happen again,” she said. “And any event that’s both an Eastern and a community effort, I want to support it.”

Fisher said she was pleased with

turnout and reactions from those who participated in the celebratory dinner.

“We’re thrilled to be a part of the day and commemorate a day in history,” she said.

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DAY OF SERVICE

Students get chance to reflect on Sept. 11 through service

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

Students get the opportunity to remember the events that took place on Sept. 11, 2001 by giving back to the community today.

The Student Community Service office is having a “Day of Service” event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Amanda Messenger, the assistant director of the Student Community Service office, said there is a whole day dedicated to the Day of Service so students can participate no matter how their schedule is set up.

“It’s just a good way to remember to just take time and reflect back on 9/11,” Messenger said.

Students can participate in five different activities throughout the day. They can go door-to-door to collect donations for the Sexual Assault Counseling & Information Service or work outside at the Douglas-Hart Nature Center from 10 a.m. to noon.

Then, the center will be taking stu-

dents to the local domestic violence center, Hope of East Central Illinois, to help prepare for an upcoming fundraiser from noon to 2 p.m.

From there students can go to Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home in Mattoon to play bingo from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The final activity is to help at the Charleston Food Pantry from 1:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Student Community Service is providing transportation to all the activities throughout the day, Messenger said.

“This Day of Service is particularly important because it is in tribute to 9/11, which was a very earth-shattering day for our country,” Messenger said.

The Day of Service allows students to reflect on 9/11, but also to take steps toward the future, she said.

Rachel Fisher, the director of the Student Community Service office said that legislation was passed in 2009 to revise the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act that declared 9/11 a National Day of

“By doing the Day of Service, it allows me to remember that pain, but turn it into something good.”

Amanda Messenger,
assistant director of
Student Community
Service

Service and Remembrance.

“This is another example of EIU spirit to serve which is truly a part of our legacy,” Fisher said. “We are helping six different agencies on Monday alone. Also, I hope that this day might also connect community members with their spirit to serve.”

Messenger said the Day of Service helps her to remember the events of 9/11.

Messenger said she was a junior in high school and the teachers brought in a television and they watched the towers fall.

“By doing the Day of Service, it allows me to remember that pain, but turn it into something good,” she said.

Since 9/11 there has been a growth in volunteering. Americans’ realized that there was a general call to action, Messenger said.

“This terrible thing happened to our country and we as Americans were able to stop focusing inwardly and say we need to make a difference,” she said. “We need to help out everyone around us.”

Messenger said many people helped out by giving out blood, helping with education and many other areas.

While 9/11 was tragic, it turned into something positive through the increase of service, Messenger said.

“After 9/11, I personally wanted

to help – I just didn’t know how or where,” Fisher said.

Fisher said she likes that she can take her passion and help her community through service.

Everyone has a different memory of 9/11, Messenger said.

“The fact that it’s been 10 years, on this campus we have an interesting, literally wide range of memories,” Messenger said.

There are professors and students who have different memories about 9/11, some that are clearer than others, she said.

“That’s why this is such an important thing to remember, reflect, learn about and understand,” she said.

Anyone who wishes to participate in the Day of Service can sign up in the Student Community Service office on the third floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, or call 581-3829.

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GUEST LECTURER

Best-selling author gives lesson in determination

By Lenny Arquilla
Staff Reporter

Steve Berry, author of the *New York Times* bestselling novel “The Venetian Betrayal,” talked with students and community members about his journey to becoming a successful author.

Berry sponsored two events this past Saturday, a workshop and a public reading, discussing how he got to the top of the *New York Times* Bestseller list and his career experiences. He started his writing workshop “Lessons from a Bestseller” by explaining the mechanics of writing.

“You have to know the character you are creating,” Berry said. “You also have to always be curious and never stop exploring.”

Berry also discussed his hard-fought road to the top.

“I was already a divorce lawyer at the time, but that was not enough for me,” Berry said. “Every writer should have that feeling and I did not listen to that voice in my head for 10 years.”

When he finally did listen to the voice in his head, he went to a writing workshop and wrote his first manuscript, Berry said. He admitted it got torn to pieces by editors and publishers and he admitted that it was just terrible. But despite that, he was proud because he finally finished it—regardless of the manuscript’s quality.

“Never throw your words away when trying to create a story,” Berry said. “When it comes to writing stories, your words can be reused as many times as you want.”

He said he was rejected 85 times over five separate manuscripts, but he kept going.

“I knew if I gave up it would be all for nothing,” he said. “I wanted to do this and better yet, I needed to do this.”

Dwight Vaught, director of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, said Berry’s determination is remarkable. Berry’s passion for writing overcame whatever obstacle stood in his way, he said.

Berry said he spent 12 years knocking at the door to success and he finally got an answer.

“I caught a break when the genre I was writing started to die and Da Vinci Code became published,” Berry said. “That book came out and I just happened to be there at the right time and my book slipped through



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Author Steve Berry talks during his public reading and book signing Saturday night in the Doudna Black Box.

“You always have to be curious and never stop exploring.”

Steve Berry, author

and got noticed.”

After a seven book series with his main character Cotton Malone, including *The Templar Legacy* and *The Jefferson Key* and three stand-alone thrillers *The Third Secret*, *The Romanov Prophecy* and *The Amber Room*, Berry went from trying to get noticed to trying to stay afloat.

“To have him here and be so humble and honest, it really speaks to his character,” Vaught said. “He is a down-to-earth man and we are really glad to have him here.”

The profits from the events will go to the Lincoln-Sargent Farm Foundation to support the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site.

“Steve came here, not for himself, but for these kids and to support the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site,” Vaught said. “All proceeds from this event will go straight to the foundation.”

The Lincoln-Sargent Farm Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to support the preservation of the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site.

Due to budget cuts, Lori Henderson, spokesperson for the foundation, said the foundation really appreciates Steve coming in on his own time and raising money for the foundation.

“Lincoln is a very important resource to us and to have Steve come in for us is a blessing,” Henderson said.

Berry left the audience with one last message.

“To anybody that wants to give up, do not,” Berry said. “It pays off and it can be done, I am living proof.”

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ROC FEST

On-campus residents to get musical at ROC Fest

This year’s theme for south-quad-based festival is ‘Rock the Beat’

By Andrew Crivilare
Staff Reporter

A boat race, an obstacle course and a scavenger hunt are a few of the events that will be included in this year’s Residents On Campus Festival.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said ROC Fest is a great way to get Eastern students from the different residence halls to meet each other.

ROC Fest is an annual weeklong competition organized by the Resident Housing Association (RHA) for students living in residence halls and Greek Court.

Dondre Keeler, National/Illinois communication coordinator for RHA, said this year’s ROC Fest will be focusing on music.

“The overall theme is ‘Rock the Beat,’” Keeler said. “All the halls have a their own musical theme.”

Keeler said the RHA decided to make changes to the way this year’s ROC Fest will be organized, particu-

larly in the event’s rules.

“Last year there was a few argument about rules,” he said. “We tried to tie up some of the loose ends.”

RHA Vice President Andrew Lilek, the lead coordinator of ROC Fest, said another important change was the event’s closing activity.

“Last year we had just a closing lunch,” Lilek said. “This year, since the theme is ‘Rock the Beat’, we’re going to have the first ROC Fest Dance.”

Lilek said the RHA wants ROC Fest to be accessible to all participants and has made its Facebook page an important part of coordinating activities.

“If you go to the page you can find the scavenger hunt packet, what the t-shirts look like or where events are being held,” he said. “A lot of information is up there.”

The event has had great popularity in past years and continues to be a student favorite, Hudson said.

“Typically hundreds of students participate in the different events during the week,” he said. “It is a great way for residents to get to know each other and build pride in their on-campus living place.”

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Junior family and consumer sciences major Kelli Arigi paddles across Campus Pond Sept. 27, 2010, during the boat races sponsored by the Residence Hall Association as part of the annual Residents on Campus Festival.

FLAGS, from page 1

Nancy Henry, 65, traveled from Mattoon after hearing Eastern was having a tribute.

Henry, a 1968 Eastern graduate, said she hopes a lot of people will take the time to stop by the display to pay their respects.

"I think this display is just beautiful," Henry said. "When you see the number (of flags) it's amazing, there were close to 3,000 people killed that day,"

Henry also said she is glad Eastern will be leaving the flags up for a week.

Jim Pendell, 62, said he was im-

pressed with the time and effort the display took.

Matt Maher, a senior applied engineering and technology major, was 11 years old in 2001 and said he remembers seeing his mother crying before he had to leave for school.

"I didn't know what was going to happen; no one really knew," Maher said.

The victims of 9/11 and their families received a little bit of closure after the death of Osama Bin Laden, but that does not mean American's are safe, Maher said.

"There is always going to be terrorists and we are never going to be able to stop fighting against them," he said.

Tim Gurnig, a junior English major, said the display spoke volumes and allowed for quiet and respectful remembrance.

"It's a simple but powerful way to have people reflect and think about the events," Gurnig said. "Just seeing people slowing come and walk around (while) taking it all in is great."

Chris Wilwers, a junior history major, said the display helped show him the broader magnitude of the destruc-

tion that occurred on 9/11.

"I never thought about the amount of people from foreign countries that died," Wilwers said.

Wilwers said he is not sure how the present generation will discuss the events of 9/11 in the future.

"It's really hard to say with the way people are," he said.

As a fourth grader, Bryanna Paradiso, a sophomore elementary education, said she was confused and still cannot really explain her feelings about that day.

"An announcement came in over the

intercom and they told us about the attacks in New York but I had no idea," Paradiso said.

Paradiso said brought back old emotions and confusing.

"It makes me feel really sad," she said. "I can't explain it."

The flags will remain on display until Friday.

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STAFF, from page 1

After failed attempts at contacting the Associated Press in Springfield, he decided to call the headquarters in New York.

Once he got a hold of somebody in New York, he could hear how chaotic their newsroom was.

"The newsroom behind them was just insane – lots of people, lots of noise, lots of movement," Neistein said.

The person on the other end of the phone line transferred Neistein to a photo editor.

"Hey I know you guys are crazy busy right now but we need a picture of this," Neistein told the photo editor.

"Just give me an email address," the editor responded.

The News hardly ever used AP photos, Neistein said, but he continued by giving the editor his personal email address – a Hotmail account.

"OK, I'll send it to you," the editor said.

Minutes later, Neistein checked his email and the front page photo was in his inbox.

"He just send me the photo of the day," Neistein said. "I could have been anybody. He took me at my word."

That is how the day was, Neistein said, nobody worried about the business end of it.

So much that Neistein said he doesn't think the News ever paid for the photo.

"We never got billed for it as far as I know, and we didn't go through the proper channels," Neistein said. "There's no billing, no nothing. It was me on the phone."

Neistein also had the task of coming up with a headline. He said his goal was to "spin it forward."

"You can't tell people what happened yesterday," Neistein said. "Everybody took off work, nobody went to school, they spent all day watching TV. Still saying, 'Two buildings hit by planes,' and people pick up the paper the next day you're not telling them anything they don't know."

Sievers, now director of marketing at the SIU Credit Union in Carbondale, said the staff understood the severity of the event and knew they had to "nail it" with the front page headline.

However, without understanding completely of everything that was going on with the attacks, Neistein said he knew he shouldn't make any bold calls with the headline.

"Nobody knew what was going on," Neistein said. "We spent half the day thinking it was an accident."

So Neistein came up with the headline, "US still reeling from tragedy," although it took him a long time to finalize it.

"We played with that headline up until deadline," Sievers said.

To this day, the front page has left its mark on those who were a part of it.

"That front page is burned into my



Pages 2-16 of the Sept. 12, 2001, edition of *The Daily Eastern News* included many stories localizing the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Fall 2001 staff members recalled how hectic the day was as reporters.

memory," Ruthhart said. "I remembered exactly what it looked like before I even looked it up."

'Like talking to zombies'

Aside from designing the front page, Neistein was given the assignment of contacting alums in New York who could tell the News what was going on.

Neistein, who is now the assistant metro editor at the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, said even to this day those interviews are the weirdest he has ever been a part of.

"Everybody I talked to out there kind of had flat voices," Neistein said. "It was more than just a state of shock. It was like talking to zombies. People were just like, 'Yeah, some planes flew into buildings. My cousin works there.' It was emotionless."

Neistein said those interviews were tough to conduct, especially being a college journalist, an amateur, asking people to tell him about "this horrifying thing you just saw."

Neistein said he talked to a woman who was on her porch drinking coffee when she saw both planes fly into the towers.

"She wasn't scared," Neistein said. "She wasn't nervous. She was just kind of there."

'Find the sports angle'

Ruthhart took a lot of photos for the News while he was sports editor, including one of a flag at half-staff that day and the photo, which ran on the back page.

The back page photo was the hard-

est for Ruthhart to find, he said. He needed something for the sports page, which he was in charge of.

While walking through the parking lot at O'Brien Field, Ruthhart noticed a player's pick-up truck with a flag in its bed.

"That's all that was going on," Ruthhart said. "Everything had been canceled."

After getting the photo, Ruthhart said he faced the challenge of filling three or four pages of sports.

A story about then-Eastern football quarterback Tony Romo was supposed to be the lead sports story that day, but got pushed to the inside pages for sports stories about the attacks.

Ruthhart said he and his assistant sports editor decided the best idea was to write a column putting the event in perspective.

He couldn't figure out a sports angle until he saw an interview on ESPN with former Florida State football head coach Bobby Bowden.

Ruthhart, now a Watchdog reporter at *The Chicago Tribune*, said he felt the interview was "completely insensitive."

"He didn't seem to understand what all the commotion was about or why his game should be canceled that weekend."

Piece by piece, the sports section came together, Ruthhart said.

'The least of our concerns'

Underneath everybody's eyes, a column about the Video Music Awards still ran as the lead col-

umn in the opinions page Sept. 12, 2001.

"We were trying so hard to figure out what we were trying to cover and what could still be normal – if anything at that point," Gustafson said.

Gustafson, now an attorney, said the column probably wasn't replaced because nobody had time to sit down and think about the major news enough to write a good column about it.

"That column was in the hopper," Gustafson said. "It was ready to go."

With so much going on, Neistein said the column probably slipped through the cracks and was left on the page.

"Maybe it was just the least of our concerns," Neistein said. "That seemed a little odd to have that leading off the opinions page."

'You're choosing sides'

The News came onto criticism after choosing to add an American flag in its newspaper flag, to the right of "The Daily Eastern News."

Neistein said the idea came from Ruthhart, but he said the staff defended itself on the opinions page later that week after people were complaining about the newspaper.

Neistein said critics were saying, "You're choosing sides. You're taking a bias with this if you're automatically taking America's side."

"We explained that we were doing it because it was support for our country and the victims, and it's our way of honoring them," Neistein said.

'That's when people started crying'

When the staff was able to sit back and reflect one what had happened that day, people started crying, Neistein said.

"Until you start to deal with it yourself as a journalist, that's when it hits you, that's when people started crying."

Once the paper was printed, Sievers said he was able to reflect on how important the Sept. 12, 2001, newspaper was and how major the event was.

Neistein said the magnitude of the event caught up to people after the day was over.

"You're tired and everything else, so you're emotionally frazzled anyways," Neistein said. "Then you sit there and say, 'Holy crap I watched people jumping out of buildings.'"

On Sept. 12, 2001, when the paper was published, Sievers said everybody was proud of the edition they released.

"One thing that came to mind was that we sort of set aside our emotions that day," Sievers said.

Proud of the work the staff did, Neistein said he would have no problem showing anybody the paper from that day.

"I look back at the story I wrote back then and I feel like I would slap 20-year-old me," Neistein said. "I don't think anyone was embarrassed at what we did."

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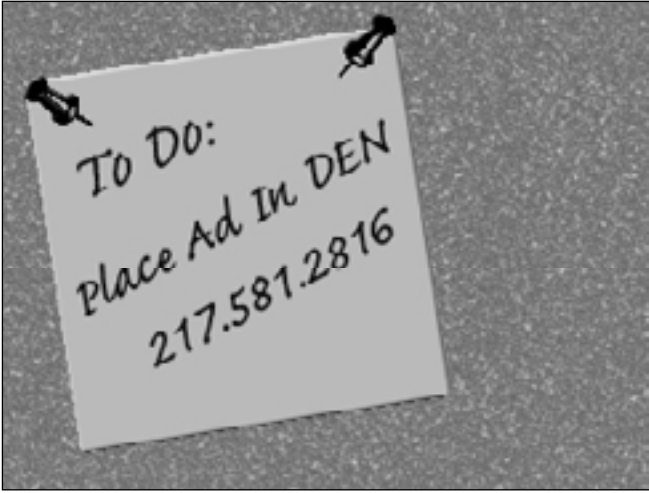
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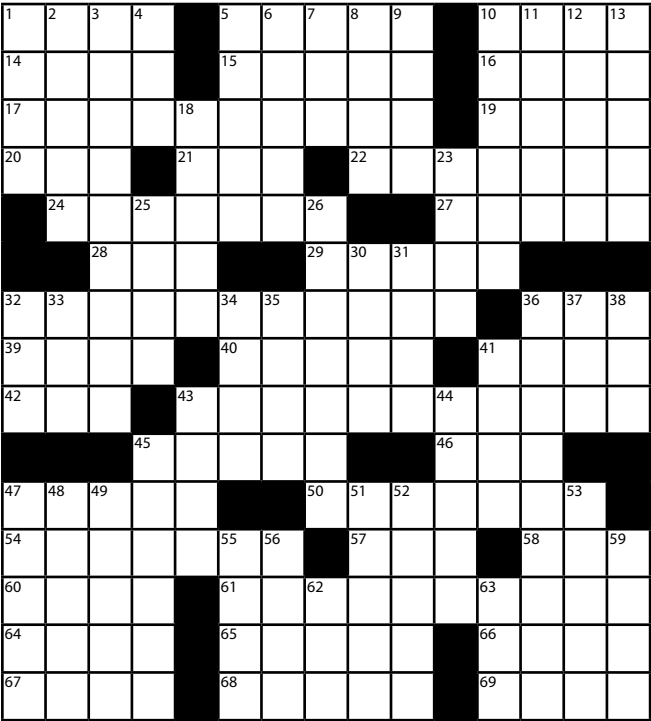
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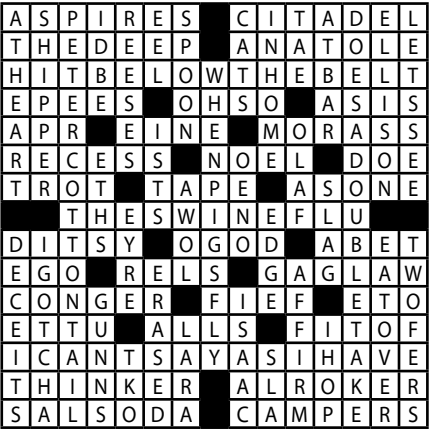
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18 Onetime "S.N.L." regular Cheri
23 Great happiness
25 ___ diagram (logic tool)
26 1994 Jean-Claude Van Damme sci-fi film
30 Unlit
31 Suffix with Rock
32 British rule in colonial India
33 The Cavaliers of the A.C.C.
34 Actor Robert De ___



35 Pesky insect
36 Airline ticket cost
37 Holder of a squid's 38-Down
38 It's held in a squid's 37-Down
41 Slightly open
43 Guitarist Atkins
44 Kitchen gadget for processing potatoes
45 Magician's cry
47 Start of a fire
48 Mischievous fairy
49 Weekly satirical paper, with "The"
51 Instant-messaging program for Macs
52 Swarms (with)
53 Cather who wrote "O Pioneers!"
55 Similar (to)
56 Judge's attire
59 Old Pontiac muscle
cars
62 Make clothes
63 Carrier to Oslo

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